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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:

MR (MAGNETORESISTANCE) DEVICE AND MAGNETIC RECORDING DEVICE

Enclosed are:

- \boxtimes 14 sheets of \square formal \square informal drawings.
- ☑ Transmittal of Japanese application 2002-324874 to claim priority date of November 8, 2002.
- ☑ A Preliminary Amendment
- ☑ An Unexecuted Declaration.
- ☑ The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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